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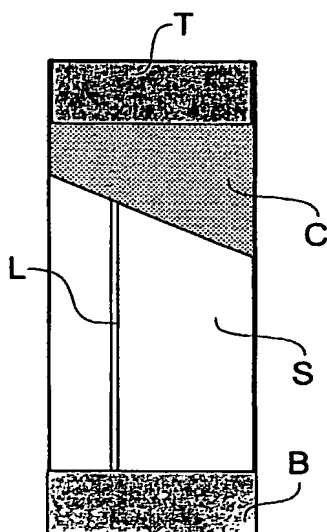
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(57) Abstract: A cartridge for the preparation of a beverage consists of a lateral cylindri-  
cal surface (S) obtained by rolling of a sheet and welding thereof along a line (L), as well  
as a top base (T) and a bottom base (B) welded to the cylindrical surface (S) so as to close  
the apertures at the ends of the latter, both the cylindrical surface (S) and the bases (B,  
T) being made from a flexible and gastight material. In this way a cartridge is obtained  
with a regular shape and easy to manufacture that not only is cheaper, more efficient and  
more environmentally friendly than prior art cartridges, but it also allows to make a coffee  
machine that is cheaper, more practical and lighter and can even be totally automatic.

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